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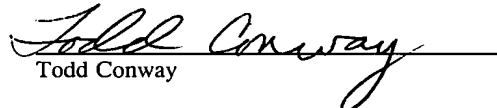
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It is respectfully requested that the publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (Modified) be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider all of the information described herein and on the attached form PTO-1449 (Modified) and indicate having done so by initialing the enclosed form. It is requested also that an initialed copy of the form be returned to the undersigned.

The present application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 10/300,328, filed November 20, 2002, which application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/626,431, filed July 27, 2000, which issued February 4, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,514,609 B which application is in turn a Continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP99/00450, filed January 25, 1999, which application, in turn, claims priority from German National Application No. DE 19802588.2, filed January 23, 1998. These applications are relied upon for their earlier filing dates under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120 and 121.

In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver dated July 11, 2003 of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 198(a)(2)(i) for Information Disclosure Statement submissions pertinent to application filed after June 30, 2003, no copies are forwarded of the U.S. patents listed on the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) submitted herewith, that is, publications AA to AE. Two copies of publication AF British Patent No. 2,306,486, are submitted herewith. Submitted also herewith is a copy of publication AG (European Patent No. 0393645) which is in the German language, along with an

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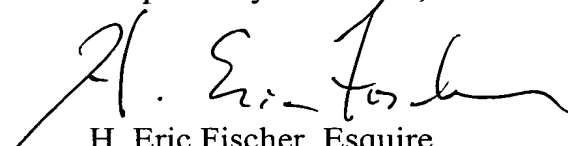
English language abstract obtained from INPADOC in accordance with MPEP §609 IIIA(2).

Submitted also herewith are two copies of published PCT application WO 98/39392 (publication AH) which is in the German language but which has on the cover page an English language abstract in accordance with MPEP §609 IIIA(2).

Publications AA, AC, AG and AH were cited in the International Search Report of the parent PCT application. Publications AB, AD, AE and AF were cited by the Examiner in U.S. Application No. 10/300,328, of which this application is a divisional application.

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